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Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square, Room 435 New York, New York 10007

APPLICATION GRANTED: The Pre-Motion Conference and Initial Case Management Conference in case 19CV2978-ALC-KHP that are scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. before Judge Katharine H. Parker are both hereby adjourned sine die.

APPLICATION GRANTED

Hon. Katharine H. Parker, U.S.M.J.

08/14/2020

Re:

1:19-cv-02978-ALC and 1:20-cv-01791-ALC

Plaintiffs' Request for Adjournment and Stay or Pre-Motion Conference

Dear Judge Carter:

Our office, as counsel for Plaintiffs Hoechstetter, et al. in the above-referenced matter and in accordance with Your Honor's Individual Practices, writes to advise the Court of recent developments between the parties.

On July 30, 2020, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs together with counsel for Defendants Columbia University, et al. and New York Presbyterian Hospital executed an "Agreement" memorializing the parties' belief that "...it is in their mutual interest to pursue settlement of the Claims at this time" and "that the parties agree to proceed in good faith ...." Pursuant to the Agreement, in part, each Claimant will provide a questionnaire to Defendants Columbia University, et al. and New York Presbyterian Hospital within the 45-day timeline prescribed. Additionally, the parties will engage the services of a mediator to assist them in settlement negotiations.

In light of the parties' mutual assent to the terms of the Agreement, and their desire to work together in hopes of achieving a resolution, Plaintiffs' counsel respectfully requests with the consent of all parties that the Court adjourn the August 20th conferences in the above-referenced actions, and stay all proceedings in both actions for a period of ninety (90) days from the Court's Order granting such stay. A stay of the proceedings would provide the parties the ability to fully engage in comprehensive alternative dispute resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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